

**REMARKS**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2005 filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. In the Office Action, claims 17-32 and 41-46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, claims 17-18, 21-22, 29-30 and 41-43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Adachi (U.S. Patent No. 6,256,334) and claims 25-26 and 44-45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Adachi.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner reconsider the rejections based on the amendments set forth above and withdraw the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103 and 112.

***Conclusion***

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

Dated: September 16, 2005

By

  
William W. Schaaf

Reg. No. 39,018

Tel.: (714) 557-3800 (Pacific Coast)

12400 Wilshire Boulevard, Seventh Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90025

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 CFR 1.8A)**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being:

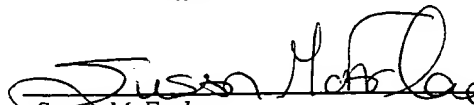
**MAILING**

**FACSIMILE**

☒ deposited with the United States Postal Service  
as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:  
Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450,  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

☐ transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and  
Trademark Office.

Date: 09/16/2005

  
Susan McFarlane

09/16/2005

Date